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Applicants : François GIRARD et al.)
 Appln. No. : 09/994,783)
 Filed : November 28, 2001)
 For : SOLE FOR BOOT, IN PARTICULAR)
 A SPORTS BOOT, A METHOD OF)
 MANUFACTURING SAME, AND)
 A BOOT HAVING SUCH A SOLE)

Group Art Unit 728

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the following information is brought to the attention of the Examiner for his or her consideration during the examination of the instant application.

The following documents were cited in a search report in the French priority application upon which the instant application is based. A copy of the search report and a copy of an annex thereto, indicating "family member" documents, are attached.

British Patent Application No. 2 256 784 (SPORTARTIKELFABRIK KARL UHL GmbH), published on December 23, 1992, is cited in the aforementioned search report as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (i.e., a category "A" document) with regard to the invention recited in claims 1, 22, 26, and 27 of Applicants' aforementioned priority application. The entirety of GB '784 is cited as being pertinent.

U.S. Patent No. 5,918,338 (WONG), issued on July 6, 1999, is cited in the aforementioned search report as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (i.e., a category "A" document) with regard to the invention recited in claims 1 and 27 of Applicants' aforementioned priority application. The entirety of US '338 is cited as being pertinent.

U.S. Patent No. 5,832,634 (WONG), issued on November 10, 1998, is cited on the aforementioned search report as a family member of US '338.

European Patent Publication No. 0 029 206 (GALZATURIFICIO BINNAIG), published on May 27, 1981, is cited in the aforementioned search report as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (i.e., a category "A" document) with regard to the invention recited in claims 1 and 27 of Applicants' aforementioned priority application. The entirety of EP '206 is cited as being pertinent.

European Patent Publication No. 0 595 732 (SKIS ROSSIGNOL), published on May 4, 1994, is cited in the aforementioned search report as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (i.e., a category "A" document) with regard to the invention recited in claims 1 and 27 of Applicants' aforementioned priority application. The entirety of EP '732 is cited as being pertinent.

French Patent Publication No. 2 600 868 (SKIS ROSSIGNOL), published on January 8, 1988, is cited in the aforementioned search report as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (i.e., a category "A" document) with regard to the invention recited in claim 1 of Applicants' aforementioned priority application. The entirety of FR '868 is cited as being pertinent. In addition, FR '868 is cited in paragraph [0019] of the instant application.

European Patent Publication No. 0 931 470 (FILA SPORT), published on July 28, 1999, is cited in the aforementioned search report as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (i.e., a category "A" document) with regard to the invention recited in claim 1 of Applicants' aforementioned priority application. The entirety of EP '470 is cited as being pertinent. In addition, EP '470 is cited in paragraphs [0017] and [0018] of the instant application.

European Patent Publication No. 0 787 440 (SALOMON S.A.), published on August 6, 1997, is cited in the aforementioned search report as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (i.e., a category "A" document) with regard to the invention recited in claims 1 and 3-5 of Applicants' aforementioned priority application. The entirety of EP '440 is cited as being pertinent.

U.S. Patent No. 5,899,006 (DONNADIEU), issued on May 4, 1999, is cited on the aforementioned search report as a family member of EP '440.

In addition to the above-mentioned documents that had been cited in the search report of Applicants' priority application, the following documents are cited as being relevant for reasons cited in the specification of the instant application:

French Patent Application No. 2 682 011 (SALOMON S.A.), published on April 9, 1993, cited in paragraph [0020];

U.S. Patent No. 2,581,524 (FORD), issued on January 8, 1952, cited in paragraph [0025];

U.S. Patent No. 1,428,356 (BROWN), issued on September 5, 1922, cited in paragraph [0026];

U.S. Patent No. 3,984,925 (FAMOLARE, Jr.), issued on October 12, 1976, cited in paragraph [0026];

French Patent Publication No. 2 743 989 (SALOMON S.A.), published on August 1, 1997, cited in paragraph [0027]; and

German Patent Publication No. 41 20 136 (SPORTARTIKELFABRIK KARL UHL GmbH), issued on September 5, 1922, cited in paragraph [0029].

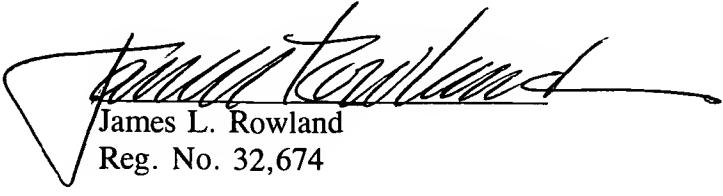
Lastly, the Examiner's attention is directed to U.S. Patent No. 6,216,366 (DONNADIEU), issued on April 17, 2001.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98 and MPEP 609, a copy of each of the above-mentioned documents is enclosed herewith. Further, each is listed on the attached PTO-1449 forms to permit the Examiner to indicate his or her consideration thereof.

The Examiner is requested to consider the documents cited above and to confirm such consideration by appropriately initialling the listings on the PTO-1449 forms and returning a copy of each of the initialled forms to Applicants.

Any comments or questions concerning this application can be directed to the undersigned at the telephone number given below.

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